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Soccer And Tennis Combine To Aid Ball Control

Wilhelmina's training includes a game called soccer-tennis, heads, knees, and feet used instead of racquets. Picture s partners Andy Remmers and Sjel de Bruyckere.

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J.U.S.T. TO TOSS JUVENTUS?

STATE LEAGUE'S CLASSY BUT INCONSISTENT RIVALS MEET TOMORROW

Tomorrow brings an event, J.U.S.T. v. Juventus, that a great many soccer fans look forward to with eagerness twice each year—and they have seldom been disappointed.

The inconsistency of these two clubs never seems to lessen the piquancy of their attraction, and whichever side wins, they entertain the fans as few other clubs manage to do.

A few weeks ago, Juventus played a brilliant game to beat Polonia's "new" team 2-0. A fortnight later, Juventus barely beat Moreland 1-0—and it was Moreland that netted the goal for the winner. And last week, Juventus, could only draw 1-1 with a team that has not yet won a single match in the 15 rounds played so far this year. Tomorrow they could become brilliant again.

J.U.S.T.'s record of ups and downs is similar. A fortnight ago J.U.S.T. drew 2-2 with the mighty Wilhelmina. Last week, the same players lost 0-1 to Box Hill! And they thrashed Box Hill 9-1 three months ago.

RECORDS EQUAL

Since 1956, J.U.S.T. and Juventus have met in seven league matches. Each has won three times, and one was drawn. And each scored 14 goals against the other.

Add to this the fact that the two sides play attractive football that is closely similar in style—fast, on the ground, and constructive — and you discover the reason for their equal popularity with the fans.

NEW OVERSEAS STARS

Three new players are expected to arrive from Trieste in time to take the field for J.U.S.T. tomorrow.

Goalkeeper B. Rozanic, who played with Orient-Rieka, is said to have had a transfer fee of 4 million lira against his name.

The services of centre-forward Z. Batokic, of First Division club Sibenik, also commanded a high figure.

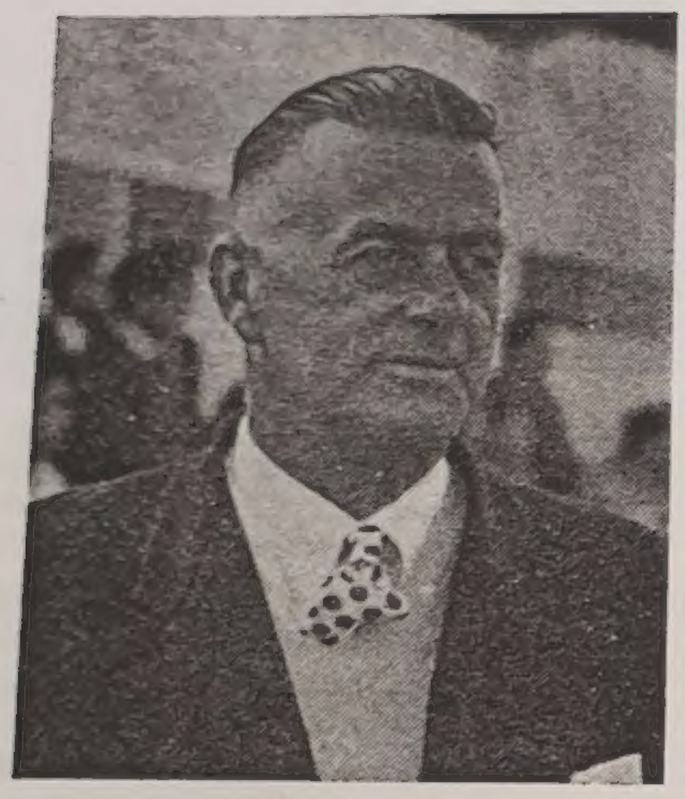
The third player, R. Mikic, is an inside-forward who, with Bakotic, could put sting into J.U.S.T.'s attack.

If the new recruits fall smoothly into place tomorrow, J.U.S.T. could win this.

His 'Keeping Still Top Class

ALDO VITTI, who was out of the game for nearly two years with a trick knee, has proven that he is still one of the finest 'keepers in Australia. Together with the "Terrible Three" — Picinich, Frangione, and Marini — he has kept goals against Juventus down to 16 in 15 matches, the lowest in the State League.

Greetings from Queensland



Messages received from Mr. W. R. THOMAS, Chairman of the Council of the V.A.S.F.A., indicate that he is enjoying his long-service leave on the Gold Coast, but that he is missing his normal soccer activities.

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IMPORTED CLASS CAN HELP GAME HERE

Enterprising Clubs Can Reap Rich Dividends

The enterprise of Polonia, J.U.S.T., and George Cross in helping migrating players to come here from abroad will not only win rich dividends for the clubs concerned, but will benefit soccer as a whole in Victoria.

Fans will flock to see the new Yugoslav players tomorrow just as they crowded the Park to see Polonia's new stars.

Thus the clubs stand to get back most of their investment in the first few home matches, in addition to the gain in playing strength.

PRAGUE'S SUCCESS

Sydney's Prague, the club which led the way in inviting star players to migrate to Australia, not only has a team that is a valuable drawcard at the gate, but has the power to lead the Sydney League by 8 points.

The services of these players will be of inestimable value to New South Wales and Australia, as we hope the Victorian importations will prove to be.

BRITISH FREE LIST

It is high time that clubs here arranged to get the "free lists" available at the end of each British season, with a view to arranging the migration of willing players to Victoria.

Only a new spirit of enterprise can give the game the boost that it needs, We are glad to see that some clubs have recognised this fact.

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WORLD CUP FILM HERE NEXT WEEK

Next Wednesday night, July 29, and again on Friday night, July 31, a full-length film of the 1958 World Cup matches in Sweden will be shown at the Assembly Hall, at 156 Collins Street, City.

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THE WORLD OF SOCCER

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ELISHA SCOTT, the grand old man of Irish Soccer, is dead. "Lish" played 429 games as goalkeeper for Liverpool, and was capped 33 times. Right up until his death, "Lish" was the paid manager of a club without players — BELFAST CELTIC, which had closed down after the Jimmy Jones incident.

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We'd like some information from anybody that can supply it. Remember the report, back in 1957, that Juventus—the club in Italy, not the one in Melbourne—paid £100,000 for the Argentine inside forward ENRIQUE SIVORI? What we'd like to know is this—did Juventus get its money's worth?

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BLACKPOOL have signed a player whom they fondly hope will be the successor to STANLEY MATTHEWS. He is 26-year-old ARTHUR KAYE. Blackpool paid BARNSLEY £15,000 for him, it's reported. At one time, Kaye was an England Under 23 player.

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We are puzzled by another report which has come to hand about Irish "bad boy" JOHN CROSSAN. We heard—and reported the fact on this page—that John had been suspended for life following his alleged demands for an under-the-lap payment of part of his transfer fee. The suspension was handed to him by the Irish and English Football Association. Now we hear that he is likely to join the SPARTA club in HOLLAND. Won't the F.A.'s and F.I.F.A. jack up on that?

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CARDIFF CITY is the only club that has ever taken the F.A. Cup out of England. This was back in 1927, when they beat ARSENAL 1-0. Two years previously, Cardiff City made the final, but were pipped 0-1 by SHEFFIELD UNITED.

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Speaking of the F.A. Cup, we think it's worth a mention that the most frequent Finalist has been NEWCASTLE UNITED. They have appeared in 10 Finals.

In YUGOSLAVIA, when certain cup matches are still drawn after extra time, a result is reached with penalty kicks. Deciding a match between PARTIZAN and NOVISAD in this fashion, each of the two nominated players had kicked seven goals from the spot before the Partizan goalie succeeded in saving one to win the match for his side.

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Each of the 18 Scottish players who recently toured DENMARK, HOLLAND, and PORTUGAL, received £130 for his fortnight's labour, plus spending allowance, and first class air travel and accommodation. A pleasant, profitable trip. The team was insured for £270,000 while it was in the air

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We'd like to live in DENMARK. They take life easy there. For instance, K.B. COPENHAGEN and BIRKEROD KOSKOLE played the return match, just the other week, of a pair of fixtures the first of which was played some time ago. Seventy-six years ago to be exact —in 1883!

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STANLEY MATTHEWS uses a dozen pairs of soccer boots each season. They are especially made for him, and the soles are so thin that the property man has difficulty fitting the studs. and they only last a few weeks. Hakoah coach HARRY SUTHERLAND can vouch for this — when Stan was here last year, they got together on the subject of boots, and Stan went out of his way to show his "specials" to Harry.

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The ALVALADE STADIUM in LISBON, PORTUGAL, is built entirely of white Portuguese marble! A similar building in any other country, which would be compelled to import the marble, would cost at least £1.000.000. In Lisbon, it cost only £35.000. And it can hold a crowd of 65,500 — with every fan seated. It is of interest to note, however, that the turf for the ground was imported from Cumberland, England.

EUROPEAN RESULTS:

AUSTRIAN CUP FINAL: W.A.C. d. Rapid 2-0.

ALL-GERMAN LEAGUE FINAL: Kickers Offenbach d. Eintracht Frankfurt, 2-1.

RUMANIAN CUP FINAL: Dynamo Bukarest d. Baia Mare 4-0.

RUMANIAN LEAGUE PREMIERSHIP: Won by Petrolul Ploestl, with 31 points. Runner-up was cup-winner Dynamo Bukarest, with 30 points, followed by CCA Bukarest, 29 points.

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BENDIGO HAGGLES OVER FREE KICK

Objects to Decision for Replay

A few weeks ago, as the result of a protest by North Richmond, the Disciplinary Committee ordered a replay of the Bendigo-North Richmond 2-2 draw.

Bendigo still feels that it has been unjustly treated, although in its latest communication to the Association, it has submitted no new evidence.

Here are the facts and the Committee's reasoning in the case:

A free kick was given to Bendigo for "hands" outside the penalty area. The referee then made the first of several errors in law—which he freely and apologetically admitted in his evidence—by signalling for an INDIRECT free.

Taking their cue from the referee, North Richmond's defence lined up for an INDIRECT free. When the ball went straight into the net unobstructed, the referee signalled for a goal-kick, which is the correct decision in the case of a netted indirect free kick.

But when the ball was kicked downfield, Bendigo players appealed for the goal, stating, quite rightly, that the correct penalty for "hands" is a DIRECT free kick.

The referee realised his error, then, in the opinion of the Committee, made his second error by allowing the goal, and the game was restarted from the centre.

Naturally, North Richmond protests, also quite rightly, that because of the referee's signal and verbal order, they had not taken up the correct defence positions for a DIRECT free kick.

The Committee took the view that, to give Bendigo the goal would be unfair to North Richmond. On the other hand, to declare the goal null and void would be unfair to Bendigo, unless Bendigo was given another chance to score from a DIRECT free.

The Committee feels that the referee made a third error by failing to correct his earlier errors in the only possible way—to ORDER THE KICK TO BE RE-TAKEN AS A DIRECT FREE BEFORE THE GAME WAS RE-STARTED.

That being so, the Committee ordered the entire match replayed as the only solution that would be fair to both teams.

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TASMANIA BIDS FOR F.A. TROPHY

An appeal has been received by the V.A.S.F.A. from the Tasmanian A.S.F.A. for exchange of visits between representative or club teams.

The Tasmanian letter also included a challenge for the F.A. TROPHY, held by Victoria.

No action is possible this year with regard to the Trophy challenge, but an opportunity is presented to senior clubs of good standing to enjoy an expense-paid trip to Hobart at the end of the current season.

OLYMPIC PARK FIXTURES

Saturday, July 25—
Geelong v. George Cross.
Sunday, July 26—
J.U.S.T. v. Juventus.
Saturday, August 1—
Wilhelmina v. George Cross.
Sunday, August 2—
Sunday International Matches.
Saturday, August 8—
Hakoah v. Polonia.
Sunday, August 9—
Slavia v. Juventus.
Saturday, August 15—
Moreland v. J.U.S.T.
Sunday, August 16—
Juventus v. George Cross.
Saturday, August 22—
George Cross v. Polonia.
Sunday, August 23—
Sunday International Matches.
Saturday, August 29—
Polonia v. Wilhelmina.
Sunday, August 30—
Sunday International Matches.

LATROBE VALLEY INVITES CLUBS

The Latrobe Valley A.S.F.A. has issued an invitation to State League clubs to visit Gippsland for matches against representative Valley Association teams.

This would, of course, be possible only after the end of the playing season.

Enquiries may be made through Mr. Stuart Beaton, Secretary the V.A.S.F.A.

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Puckapunyal On Top in North

With matches in hand, undefeated Puckapunyal is leading its rivals in the Northern Victoria A.S.F.A.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	P
Puckapunyal	8	7	1	0	30	9	15
Tongala	11	5	3	3	23	19	13
Gunbower	7	5	1	1	17	7	11
Orange Lions	10	5	1	4	32	18	11
Seymour	11	3	3	5	17	26	9
Bendigo	10	4	0	6	19	19	8
Torrumbary	4	0	1	3	3	11	1
Echuca	7	0	0	7	3	35	0

HAKOAH DAZED BY DUTCHMEN

Wilhelmina Turns On The Power

Sometimes the opposition lets the Wilhelmina's goal-scoring machine click.

Sometimes Wilhelmina's goal - scoring machine clicks regardless of the opposition.

One way or the other, whenever it clicks, it's a lovely thing to watch.

Last Sunday at Olympic Park, Wilhelmina met Hakoah—and Hakoah wishes they hadn't. Because it's an embarrassing thing for a leading State League side to be thrashed 6-1 in front of a bumper crowd of nearly 7,000 fans.

Still, the Blues must have known that the Dutchmen wouldn't let them off lightly—they wanted sweet and ample revenge for Hakoah's 5-3 win in April.

Hakoah started very promisingly, and at 4 minutes had the first score on the board from a free kick by Maier.

After a feeling-out period of another 15 minutes, the inevitable happened—a long pass from de Bruyckere reached right winger Luyten, who in turn sent a long, accurate cross to left - winger Delgeorge. His slicing shot—it curled around Barker and beat goalie Mannering—grazed the inside of the post to equalise.

MACHINE ROLLS

Then the Dutch machine, which seems to mount an automatic bazooka loaded with soccer balls, started to roll.

Within five minutes the ball reached Delgeorge again. He was waiting about 15 yards out on the fringe of a scrimmage that followed a corner-kick. This time he cleverly lobbed it over the pack of players to give Wilhelmina the lead.

Noy got the third when he pounced on a mis-kicked clearance at 30 minutes, and found the back corner of the net with his angled shot.

Hakoah never gave up, but its efforts were uncertain, the players occasionally mixing some very good football with a lot of loose and untidy play.

By contrast, the Dutchmen moved the ball quickly and accurately, nearly always finding a team-mate, and tied some of the Blues into knots with well-executed dummies.

DELGEORGE STARS

Delgeorge scored two more clever goals to get a total of four, and Tony Now netted Wilhelmina's sixth.

De Bruyckere had No. 9 sewn on his shirt, but he might just as well have been carrying any number from 2 to 11—he plugged gaps all over the field and started attacks from anywhere.

Juventus suffered one of its inexplicable lapses and could only manage a 1-1 draw with Footscray in a drab display.

GEELONG SAFE

Geelong appears to have shed any relegation fears that it may have entertained by beating Yarra Park 4-3.

Polonia crept a little closer to the "four" with a well-earned 2-1 win over Moreland after trailing 0-1 at half time.

George Cross and Slavia both played negative football in their first half, but the Maltese settled down after the interval and won 2-0.

Box Hill topped Footscray's surprise draw by beating J.U.S.T. 1-0. Last time they met, Box Hill was thrashed 9-1.

George Cross, Wilhelmina, Hakoah, Polonia, and Moreland should be today's winners.

For tomorrow's winner between J.U.S.T and Juventus, consult a crystal ball or toss a coin.

Has Won Respect

Referee LUIGI CADELLI, whose calm, confident, and efficient control of all types of matches, has won for him the universal respect of players, officials and spectators.

FORMER STATE PLAYER DIES

A great many Victorian soccer supporters will learn with regret of the sudden death of former State player Robert J. ("Bobby") Clayton.

Bobby was only 31 years old when he died in his sleep last Friday night. He leaves a wife and two kiddies—a boy and a girl under school age.

Bobby was with Sunshine United when that club won the First Division championship in 1950, and was a member of the State team which visited Adelaide.

More latterly, he had been interested in I.C.I..

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LAST WEEK

STATE LEAGUE

Box Hill d. J.U.S.T., 1-0.
Wilhelmina d. Hakoah, 6-1.
George Cross d. Slavia, 2-0.
Polonia d. Moreland, 2-1.
Juventus drew with Footscray, 1-1.
Geelong d. Yarra Park 4-3.

State League Reserves

Box Hill d. J.U.S.T., 4-3.
Wilhelmina d. Hakoah, 2-1.
George Cross d. Slavia, 3-2.
Polonia drew with Moreland, 0-0.
Juventus d. Footscray, 3-1.
Geelong d. Yarra Park, 6-0.

METROPOLITAN NORTH

First Division

Preston d. Sunshine City, 4-2.
Lions/Hayduk d. Maccabi, 7-1.
Corio d. Croatia, 2-0.
Coburg drew with Hellenic, 1-1.
Sicilia d. Brunswick, 12-0.

Second Division

Heidelberg drew with Fairfield, 1-1.
Essendon d. Moonee Ponds, 1-0.
Williamstown d. Collingwood, 2-1.
St. Albans d. I.C.I., 6-3.
Fiorentina drew with University, 1-1.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH

First Division

Vic. Police d. Park Rangers, 4-2.
Brighton d. South Yarra, 2-0.
South Melbourne d. Richmond, 2-1.
Dandenong drew with Melbourne, 4-4.
Yallourn d. Prahran, 4-1.

Second Division

Sandringham d. Austria, 4-2.
Rosebud d. Bayswater, 2-1.
Croydon d. Moorabbin, 3-0.
Oakleigh d. Frankston, 2-0.
Ferntree Gully v. F.N.D. (postponed).

METROPOLITAN RESERVES

First Division North

Fiorentina d. University, 3-0.
Coburg d. Hellenic, 5-1.
Frankston d. Sandringham, 2-0.
Maccabi d. Lions/Hayduk, 5-3.
Sunshine City d. Preston, 3-2.

First Division South

Brighton d South Yarra, 3-0.
Richmond d. South Melbourne, 5-1.
Melbourne d. Dandenong, 4-0.
Prahran d. Yallourn, 4-2.
Park Rangers, bye.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Melita d. Bendigo, 1-0.
Olympia d. Makedonia, 2-1.*
Hollandia d. Yarraville, walk-over.
North Richmond d. Norlane, 5-2.
Trident d. Seymour, 3-2.

*Abandoned at 60 minutes.

This Week

CUP REPLAYS

(Second Round)

DOCKERTY CUP

Preston v. Brightoon.
Moonee Ponds v. Bendigo.

ARMSTRONG CUP RESERVES

Juventus v. Richmond.

STATE LEAGUE
State League Reserves.

J.U.S.T. v. Juventus.
Hakoah v. Box Hill.
Slavia v. Wilhelmina.
Geelong v. George Cross.
Footscray v. Polonia.
Moreland v. Yarra Park.

METROPOLITAN NORTH.
First Division.

Hellenic v. Croatia.
Corio v. Lions/Hayduk.
Maccabi v. Sunshine Cityy.
Sicilia v. Coburg.

Second Division.

St. Albans v. Collingwood.
Williamstown v. Essendon.
University v. I.C.I.
Fiorentina v. Heidelberg.

METROPOLITAN SOUTH.
First Division.

Melbourne v. South Melbourne.
South Yarra v. Park Rangers.
Yallourn v. Dandenong.
Prahran v. Vic. Police.

Second Division.

Croydon v. Ferntree Gully.
F.N.D. v. Bayswater.
Rosebud v. Austria.
Frankston v. Moorabbin.
Oakleigh v. Sandringham.

First Division Reserves.
(NORTH)

Lions/Hayduk v. Frankston.
Sandringham v. Hellenic.
Coburg v. Fiorentina.
Preston v. Maccabi.
Sunshine City v. University.

First Division Reserves.
SOUTH)

South Melbourne v. Melbourne.
Brighton v. Richmond.
Park Rangers v. South Yarra.
Dandenong v. Yallourn.
Prahran, bye.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

Norlane Olympia v. Hollandia.
Yarraville v. Olympia.
Makedonia v. Melita.
Seymour v. North Richmond.

NEXT WEEK

STATE LEAGUE

POLONIA v. J.U.S.T.
JUVENTUS v. HAKOAH.
BOX HILL v. SLAVIA.
WILHELMINA v. GEORGE CROSS.
YARRA PARK v. FOOTSCRAY.
MORELAND v. GEELONG.

STATE LEAGUE RES.

No Matches.

DOCKERTY CUP
(Third Round)

Sunshine City v. Ferntree Gully.
Dandenong v. Brighton or Preston.
Park Rangers v. Moorabbin.
Melbourne v. Prahran.
Croatia v. Sandringham.
Moonee Ponds or Bendigo v. South Melbourne.
Lions/Hayduk v. Essendon.
Yallourn v. Oakleigh.

ARMSTRONG CUP
(Third Round)

Footscray v. Moreland.
Polonia v. Geelong.
Hakoah v. Juventus or Richmond
Box Hill v. Wilhelmina.

First North

Maccabi v. Hellenic.

First South

No Matches.

Second North

Fairfield v. I.C.I.
Heidelberg v. University.

Second South

Rosebud v. Croydon.

FIRST NORTH RESERVES

Coburg v. Lions/Hayduk.
Hellenic v. Frankston.
Fiorentina v. Maccabi.
University v. Preston.
Sandringham v. Sunshine City.

FIRST SOUTH RESERVES

Melbourne v. South Yarra.
South Melbourne v. Brighton.
Dandenong v. Park Rangers.
Yallourn, bye.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Makedonia v. Norlane Olympia.
Olympia v. Hollandia.
Melita v. North Richmond.
Yarraville v. Trident.

URGENT NOTICE TO CLUBS

MATCHES POSTPONED

Originally scheduled for this week, these matches have been postponed to make way for Cup re-plays listed in Column 2 of this page:

STATE LEAGUE RESERVES
J.U.S.T. v. Juventus.

FIRST DIVISION NORTH
Brunswick v. Preston.

FIRST DIVISION SOUTH
Richmond v. Brighton.

SECOND DIVISION NORTH
Moonee Ponds v. Fairfield.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE
Trident v. Bendigo.

HOW THEY STAND

STATE LEAGUE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals F.	A.	P.
Wilhelmina	15	11	2	2	70	29	24
George Cross	15	10	3	2	40	18	23
Juventus	15	10	2	3	34	16	22
Hakoah	15	10	2	3	35	23	22
Slavia	15	9	2	4	33	24	20
Polonia	15	6	5	4	29	25	17
J.U.S.T.	15	5	4	6	34	31	14
Moreland	15	5	1	9	41	34	11
Box Hill	15	5	1	9	16	39	11
Geelong	15	3	3	9	22	38	9
Footscray	15	0	4	11	22	59	4
Yarra Park	15	1	1	13	24	64	3

State League Reserves

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Wilhelmina	13	11	2	0	50	11	24
Hakoah	13	10	1	2	41	17	21
Polonia	13	6	4	3	18	15	16
Juventus	13	7	1	5	30	18	15
Geelong	13	7	1	5	32	20	15
Box Hill	13	7	1	5	35	25	15
J.U.S.T.	13	6	1	6	34	27	13
Moreland	13	4	4	5	23	21	12
George Cross	13	4	3	6	23	34	11
Footscray	13	3	1	9	14	34	7
Slavia	13	2	2	9	24	45	6
Yarra Park	13	0	1	12	3	60	1

METROPOLITAN LEAGUES

NORTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Lions/Hayduk	11	8	1	2	35	9	17
Preston	11	7	2	2	32	11	16
Croatia	11	7	2	2	33	16	16
Sicilia	11	5	2	4	32	17	12
Sunshine City	11	6	0	5	27	20	12
Hellenic	11	5	1	5	23	23	11
Coburg	11	3	4	4	21	24	10
Corio	11	4	1	6	15	22	9
Maccabi	11	3	1	7	20	36	7
Brunswick	11	0	0	11	7	67	0

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Fiorentina	11	8	1	2	30	11	18
Moonee Ponds	11	8	0	3	32	16	16
University	11	7	2	2	32	18	16
Essendon	11	7	0	4	23	19	14
Heidelberg	11	4	1	6	17	32	9
I.C.I.	11	3	2	6	24	33	8
Williamstown	11	3	2	6	17	26	8
Fairfield	11	2	3	6	19	23	7
Collingwood	11	3	1	7	24	31	7
St. Albans	11	3	1	7	21	30	7

SOUTH

First Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Melbourne	11	10	1	0	78	18	21
Richmond	11	8	0	3	42	12	16
South Melbourne	11	8	0	3	34	17	16
Brighton	11	7	1	3	32	20	15
Yallourn	11	7	0	4	42	27	14
Dandenong	11	4	1	6	32	39	9
Park Rangers	11	3	0	8	19	46	6
Prahran	11	2	1	8	15	44	5
South Yarra	11	2	0	9	14	42	4
Vic. Police	11	1	2	8	13	56	4

Second Division.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Sandringham	11	10	1	0	30	17	21
Oakleigh	11	5	3	2	22	13	15
Frankston	11	6	2	3	31	22	14
Austria	11	5	2	4	40	31	12
Bayswater	11	4	3	4	26	25	11
Moorabbin	11	3	3	5	23	33	9
Ferntree Gully	10	4	0	6	33	20	8
F.N.D.	10	3	2	5	23	31	8
Rosebud	11	4	0	7	25	34	8
Croydon	11	1	0	10	20	47	2

First Division Reserves (North)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Lions/Hayduk	11	8	1	2	33	13	17
Sunshine City	11	8	1	2	28	16	17
Frankston	11	6	2	3	34	19	14
Fiorentina	11	6	1	4	35	19	13
Preston	11	5	3	3	32	19	13
Coburg	11	6	1	4	23	22	13
Maccabi	11	6	0	5	43	27	12
Hellenic	11	3	0	8	21	41	6
Sandringham	11	2	0	9	11	37	4
University	11	0	1	10	6	56	1

First Division Reserves (South)

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Melbourne	11	9	1	1	64	17	19
Richmond	11	8	2	1	40	18	18
Dandenong	11	7	1	3	31	23	15
Brighton	11	6	1	4	28	21	13
Park Rangers	11	6	1	4	22	19	13
Yallourn	11	4	3	4	32	31	11
South Melbourne	11	5	0	6	24	38	10
South Yarra	11	4	1	6	20	32	9
Prahran	11	2	0	9	14	70	4

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Seymour	11	7	2	2	30	15	16
Nth. Richmond	10	6	3	1	46	16	15
Nor.-Olympic	11	6	3	2	33	22	15
Makedonia	11	6	2	3	25	15	14
Olympia	11	6	1	4	29	18	13
Trident	11	5	3	3	27	22	13
Melita	11	4	2	5	24	31	10
Bendigo	10	2	3	5	21	28	7
Hollandia	11	2	0	9	26	38	4
Yarraville	11	0	1	10	3	59	1

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CORIO'S SHOCK WIN HELPS LIONS RISE

Preston Ends Sunshine City's Hopes

The leaders in First North go up and down like an elevator, and last week it was Croatia's turn to come down a couple of floors when Corio pushed the button with a shock win.

This allowed the Lions to ride back up to the top floor after their crushing 7-1 win over Maccabi.

Furthermore, the wins by Corio and Lions had the joint effect of sending Maccabi down to join Brunswick in the basement.

Preston's 4-2 over Sunshine City seems to have ended City's chances of staying close enough to the leaders to challenge for the pennant, and has put Preston in the box seat for the 7-round run for "home."

Sicilia improved its position slightly with a free-scoring win over Brunswick, which is having its worst year ever.

Hellenic and Coburg confirmed their closely related positions and similar figures on the ladder with a 1-1 draw.

Preston drops out of the league fixtures today for the replay of its cup tie with Brighton, and has a fifty-fifty chance of joining Lions, Sunshine City, and Croatia in next week's Third Round.

If Corio can repeat its David-and-Goliath act with the Lions today, Croatia could regain the lead by beating Hellenic.

It will take more than home-ground advantage for Maccabi to beat Sunshine City, and recent form says Maccabi hasn't got what it will take.

Though the Sicilia-Coburg game will have no significant bearing on the state of the league, it should be a tussle worth watching.

FIRST DIVISION REVIEW

TWO PLAYERS GET "BONDS"

Coburg's J. F. Farrugia and Moorabbin's R. F. Richards suddenly flared at each other in their Cup-tie meeting a fortnight ago, and the referee sent them both off.

As first offenders in a rather silly incident, the Disciplinary Committee decided to merely "bond" the players with suspended sentences, but made the "bonds" heavy ones—6 matches if they misbehave again!

DANDENONG RIPS A POINT FROM CHAMPS

But South's Win Keeps Leader Safe

Unspectacular, mid-league battler Dandenong has succeeded in doing what eight other teams had failed to do in ten matches this year—take a point from the 78-goal, steam-rolling leader Melbourne with a draw.

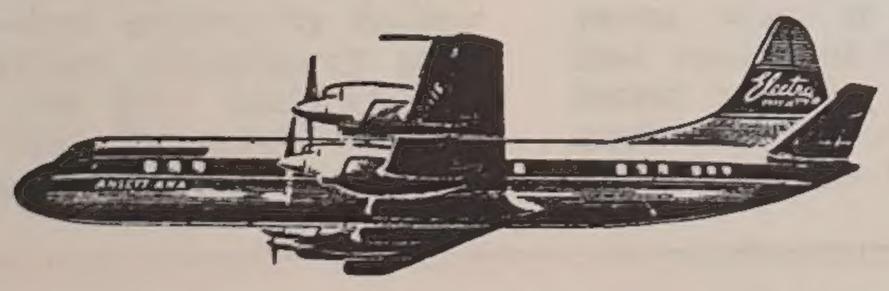
It was not a costly setback for the champs, however, because South Melbourne stopped runner-up Richmond 2-1. This left Melbourne with an ironclad, pennant-winning lead of 5 points with only seven rounds to go.

Another shock result in FIRST SOUTH cost Park Rangers an excellent chance to climb out of the relegation ditch—the Rangers were toppled 2-4 by Vic. Police in the first win scored this year by the "men in blue."

This upset left the four clubs at the bottom—Park Rangers 6, Prahran 5, South Yarra 4, and Vic. Police 4—within 2 points of each other, but some of the knots may be untied today when South Yarra meets Park Rangers, and Prahran tackles Vic. Police.

Melbourne will have another solid test today against South Melbourne but it is expected to continue its undefeated run.

Brighton should win today's replay of its Cup-tie with Preston and join six other FIRST SOUTH teams in next week's round of the Cup.



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SECOND DIVISION REVIEW

HYNDMAN BOYS ON SIDELINES

Sandringham City has its full share of major injuries, with left-haff Jack Hyndmann out for the season with torn ligaments and right-half Duncan Hyndmann out with a broken bone in his foot.

Another left-wing-half, Peter Hall, is getting around on crutches, and also looks like having a long spell on the sidelines. Torn ligaments are his trouble, too.

City is now looking for recruits—at the present casualty rate, there will be nobody left to accept the pennant at the end of the season.

ESSENDON BOMB HITS MOONEE PONDS

St. Albans Continues Smart Recovery

A couple of weeks ago, we called Essendon a dangerous time-bomb that could break the deadlock that prevails at both ends of the SECOND NORTH ladder.

A practice blast-off by Essendon last week flattened Moonee Ponds, and allowed Fiorentina to get a 2-point break on its rivals.

The Italian club's margin would have been greater but for the grim tenacity of University, who allowed the leaders only half the points in their 1-1 draw.

St. Albans' impressive 6-3 win over I.C.I. failed to lift the club from the cellar, but, aided by the Heidelberg-Fairfield draw, it closed the gap between the lowest 6 clubs in the league to a bare 2 points.

Now a smart promoter could run a six-figure pool on which of these six clubs is going to avoid the slide at the end of the season.

Only one significant change in the ladder is expected from today's round—St. Albans should get off the bottom rung by beating Collingwood.

Three of the four leaders—Fiorentina, University, and Essendon—should each advance 2 points, while the fourth, Moonee Ponds, tries to settle its Cup deadlock with Bendigo in a replay.

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TRIDENT SHOCKS SEYMOUR

When clubs on the fourth, fifth, and sixth rungs of the Provisional League ladder beat the three leaders last week, they closed the gap between the top team and the sixth to 3 points, and put themselves right back into the race for promotion.

Trident, North Richmond and Olympia beat Seymour, Norlane, and Makedonia respectively, but Olympia's game was abandoned at 60 minutes and the result is subject to review by the Disciplinary Committee.

Only one of these three results can be called a surprise win—Trident's success over the consistent Seymour.

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Richmond is first in with its congratulations to Melbourne for what appears to be a clear-cut pennant win and the promotion to the State League that goes with it.

HAMMERS HEAD FOR FIRST DIVISION

Croydon Improves for First Win

By virtue of a convincing win over the powerful Austria team, Sandringham City have increased their lead to a clear six points, and in their present dynamic form are odds-on favourites for the league pennant.

The Hammers play Oakleigh today in what could be the match of the season. The last clash between these clubs led to the Disciplinary Committee's order that Oakleigh provide foot-police at today's fixture. A close result is assured, but the hard-hitting Hammers should prove too good for the clever individual play of Oakleigh.

FRANKSTON DOWN

Frankston were pushed out of second place last week by Oakleigh and will be flat out to make up lost ground by downing Moorabbin today, and thus be in position to take over the runner-up spot in the event of Oakleigh's defeat.

Moorabbin's inconsistency is shown in their defeat by wooden-spooners. Croydon, following their excellent Dockerty Cup win over Coburg.

CROYDON IMPROVING

Croydon have been showing steady improvement but face a hard task in today's match with Ferntree Gully, whose vigorous first-time kicking should win the day.

Rosebud's victory over Bayswater ended a losing run of seven consecutive games and will give them confidence in today's encounter with Austria who now have only an outside chance of promotion.

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FACTS and FLY-KICKS

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We published the wrong result of the Yallourn-Wilhelmina Armstrong Cup match in last week's "Soccer News" because somebody in Yallourn doesn't know what a "baker's dozen" is. Wilhelmina was shooting goals with its bazooka special, and everybody except the referee lost count. When a Yallourn official asked the referee what the final score was, he was told: "A baker's dozen." He phoned the score to Melbourne as 12-0. Of course, all our readers know what a "baker's dozen" is—or do they? We'll make sure by telling you now that the correct score was 13-0.

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The abandonment of the Melbourne-Moreland Armstrong Cup tie at 78 minutes, and the hanky-panky that led up to it, so shocked the Disciplinary Committee that it caned everybody concerned. Melbourne was put on a £25 bond and ordered to provide police at all of its home fixtures. Moreland appeared to join in the brawling with an alacrity that could not be considered wholly innocent, and was fined £5. The referee—no names, no pack-drill—lost control by failing to use the correct disciplinary procedure when the first incident occurred, and thus appeared to encourage the general brawl that followed. He will be reported to the Referees' Association.

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Sandringham players Joe Lachmann and Brian Sidwell have helped the club by donating gift items that are raffled off to raise club funds, but team-mate Jim Ward won the biscuit for originality when he donated five live fowls. Bob Ritchie built a pen for them in his back yard, and two of its tenants have already been won and eaten. Is there any connection between these chooks and the fact that the Hammers are cackling and crowing about their current successes?

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Last week's South Melbourne-Richmond game must have been a rugged affair judging by the number of injuries reported by both teams. Worst one was sustained by Richmond's left-half Faltyn, who came out of a crash with South's Billy Guy with a badly cut head that took him out of the match and off to the Alfred Hospital just before half-time.

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Rosebud won its first game in seven when it beat Bayswater 2-1 last week, but the main point of interest is in the fact that the winning goal was scored within a couple of seconds of the final whistle.

NOTICE TO CLUBS

Clubs are reminded that all accounts are now due and payable to the Association, and must be finalised immediately.

It is important that SEPARATE CHEQUES be made out for SOCCER NEWS payments.

Wilhelmina suggests that, if ballboys are unobtainable, home teams at the Showgrounds should get officials to take up positions all around the field as retrievers. Some players became exhausted chasing the ball in the wide open spaces around the pitch, while others got cold waiting for them to come back. This sort of thing certainly takes the smooth flow out of the game

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Sandringham is expecting maximum attendance of all its soccer friends and neighbours at its dance-social next Saturday night. It's a licensed affair that will start at 7.30 and will feature the popular little Bruce Williams Band and a delicious buffet supper. If you like your fun in a soccer atmosphere get down to the Dispensary Hall, in Waltham Street, Sandringham, next Saturday night.

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Croatia wants it made known that it has suspended its player, TOGNON, for a period of two years for alleged misbehaviour. The club has advised the Association accordingly.

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Richard Tregear is nothing if not a solid, all-round club man. He is Essendon's treasurer. He is Essendon's right-winger. When he decided to court a young lady, he selected Pamela Tinkler, an Essendon supporter. When he bought a home, he bought it in—heavens, this must be a misprint! If not, then Richard has kicked over the traces. He bought his home in Mitcham! Anyway, best wishes to Richard and Pam.

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Dick Toman of Slavia writes: "I was quite optimistic about our forthcoming game against Wilhelmina until I saw what the Dutchmen did to Hakoah last Sunday."

ON THE BALL

Migrants who want information which is right "on the ball" — correct and up-to-date — should call at the Migrant Information Service, Commonwealth Bank, 363-371 Collins Street, Melbourne.

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CLUBS MAY HAVE ERRED IN VERDICT ON PARK

Only the Hope of Seeing Top Class Football Will Draw Fans

Only when the fans expect to see class football will the outer terraces of Olympic Park be crowded like this, the scene when Vic-Victoria met Ferencvaros.

The recent decision to allocate the dates available at Olympic Park equally to all State League clubs, while deserving of applause for its fair intentions, could eventually prove to have been shortsighted.

Week in and week out, figures show that the fans are drawn to the Park in healthy numbers only when they think there is a chance of seeing football of reasonably good class, judged by Australian standards.

That automatically means football as played by the leading teams—the successful teams!

Every year, there are six or seven teams with more or less drawing power, and three or four with little or none. Yet the equal-allocations plan puts unattractive fixtures on the same footing as attractive ones.

UNFAIR TO BE FAIR

There can be little doubt that the method of equal allocations, in an attempt to be fair to the clubs at the bottom, can turn out to be unfair to potential spectators, the rest of the clubs, and the code as a whole by the programming of poor fixtures.

The pool-tax plan is still the only method that can be fair to everybody concerned, including the weaker clubs who benefit by the pool. And it will boost soccer as a spectator sport at the same time.

Strangely enough, the strongest supporters of the move for equal allocations of dates are those that constantly cry out for more publicitv to bring more soccer fans to the Park.

BAD PUBLICITY

Surely they must realise that weak teams can only get the wrong kind of publicity, and their presence on the Park pitch is poor advertising for the game.

The crowds at the Polonia-Juventus and Wilhelmina-Hakoah fixtures were about 50% greater than those that turned up to the same clubs playing teams in the lower part of the league ladder. And tomorrow's J.U.S.T.-JUVENTUS joust will prove again how publicity which is naturally produced by an attractive fixture draws the fans.

The fixtures of the Sunday International League also prove how the figures can vary between the programmes that feature class teams and those that do not.

The principal of equal allocation of Park dates has been agreed to, and will be tried.

But sooner or later it will become inevitable, for the sake of the health and growth of the sport, to return to sound business principles in the use of the Park by the State League.

MORE OVERSEAS PLAYERS

Sydney Federation club Gladesville has signed two overseas players who are due to arrive in Australia shortly.

No details have been released as yet, except that one is a Scottish First Division forward who was recommended by a member of the Hearts club, and that the other is a classy New Zealander.

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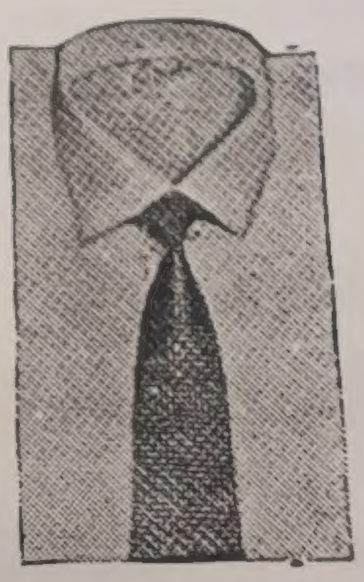

THE JUNIOR LEAGUES

The Junior Cup round played last Saturday produced a few surprises. In the Under 12 section, Sunshine City narrowly missed scoring after 5 minutes and held Olympia to a scoreless first half, but Olympia's superior team work clinched the game, scoring three goals without reply.

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In the other semi-final, Broadmeadows Hostel surprisingly defeated Essendon 2-0. Two defensive lapses by the Essendon defences were converted. The "Dons" attacked continuously but a resolute defence prevented Essendon from scoring. Four minutes from time Essendon hit the bottom of the post with the goalie away from home.

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In the Under 14 section, Sunshine City defeated Trident in a very sporting game.

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The Maccabi v. Essendon match was not played and the result of Lyons-Hayduk v. St. Kilda was not notified.

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A surprise in the Under 16 section was the defeat of Box Hill by Wesley College.

Box Hill and St. Kilda, by defeating Preston T.S.O.B. and Fairfield respectively, will contest the Under 18 final.

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The Cup Finals will be played at Olympic Park.

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Billets for nine boys in the visiting St. George Junior Under 14 team, in Melbourne from August 28 to September 7, are still urgently reqired. Any offer of assistance should be forwarded to Mr. Len Young (BM 5309) or Mr. J. P. Threlfall, Hon. Secretary, Junior Committee, 3 Ferguson Street, Sunshine, as soon as possible.

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Moe United, in the Latrobe Valley Soccer Assn., are seeking matches in the Metropolitan area for their Under 13 and Under 15 teams. Clubs desirous of arranging friendly games in Melbourne with the Moe United J.S.C. should contact Mr. P. Borandy, 5 Tuxford Street, Newborough North Victoria. Mr. Borandy would like two weeks' notice to finalise arrangements.

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All clubs, please note that Broadmeadows Hostel have withdrawn their Under 14 team from the Under 14 (Southern Section) to take effect immediately. Matches with Maccabi must not be played on Sundays in future, although there is no objection to these matches being played on Saturdays at 1.15 p.m., subject to mutual arrangements.

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Holders of trophies should return all trophies to Olympic Park not later than July 31.

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A new Junior Referees' Association to supply neutral officials for Junior matches will be formed in the near future. The Victorian Referees' Association will assist in every way possible. Any person over the age of 16 desirous of joining the above Association are requested to contact J P. Threlfall, 3 Ferguson Street, Sunshine, or Mr. Len Young, telephone BM 5309.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

UNDER 12 (SEMI-FINALS).

Broadmeadows Hostel d. Essendon, 2-0.
Olympia d. Sunshine City, 3-2.

UNDER 14.

Brighton d. Brooklyn Hostel, 10-2.
Sunshine City d. Trident, 2-0.
Maccabi v. Essendon (not played).
Lions/Hayduk not notified.

UNDER 16.

Moorabbin City d. South Yarra, 4-0.
Essendon d. Dandenong City, 7-1.
Wesley College d. Box Hill, 3-2.
Sunshine City d. Bayswater, 7-0.

UNDER 18 (SEMI-FINALS).

Box Hill d. Preston T.S.O.B., 4-0.
St. Kilda d. Fairfield, 3-2.

CUP FIXTURES TODAY

UNDER 12.

Brooklyn Hostel v. Williamstown Hostel.
Broadmeadows Hostel v. Sunshine City.
Essendon v. Preston Hostel.
Byes: Olympia and South Melbourne.

UNDER 14.
CUP — SEMI-FINALS.

UNDER 16 (NORTH).

Sunshine City v. South Melbourne.
Ajax v. Wesley College.
Byes: Essendon and South Yarra.

UNDER 16 (SOUTH).

Preston T.S.O.B. v. Moorabbin City.
Box Hill v. Dandenong City.
Croydon v. Bayswater.
Bye: Heidelberg.

UNDER 18.

Army Apprentices v. Preston T.S.O.B.
Coburg United v. Sunshine City.
St. Kilda v. Fairfield.
Tullamarine United v. Box Hill.

JUNIOR TABLES

UNDER 12.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Olympia	12	12	0	0	24
South Melbourne	12	8	1	3	17
Essendon	12	8	0	4	16
Brooklyn Hostel	12	8	0	4	16
Broadmeadows Hostel	12	6	3	3	15
Sunshine City	12	6	2	4	14
Williamstown Hostel	12	3	2	7	8
Preston Hostel	12	2	2	8	6

UNDER 14 (NORTH).

Trident	11	10	1	0	21
Sunshine City	11	9	0	2	18
Lions/Hayduk	12	7	1	4	15
Brooklyn Hostel	12	4	1	7	9
Maribyrnong Hostel	12	3	1	8	7

UNDER 14 (SOUTH).

St. Kilda	12	11	0	1	22
Brighton	12	8	0	4	16
Essendon	12	8	0	4	16
South Melbourne	12	6	0	6	12
Maccabi	12	2	0	10	4

UNDER 16 (NORTH).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Sunshine City	10	10	0	0	20
Essendon	10	8	1	1	17
Ajax	10	6	2	2	14
South Melbourne	10	4	3	3	11
Wesley College	10	4	2	4	10
South Yarra	10	2	2	6	6

UNDER 16 (SOUTH).

Dandenong City	10	9	0	1	18
Moorabbin City	10	8	1	1	17
Box Hill	10	7	0	3	14
Bayswater	10	5	2	3	12
Heidelberg	10	3	1	6	7
Croydon	10	3	0	7	6
Preston T.S.O.B.	10	3	0	7	6

UNDER 18.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	P.
Sunshine City	11	10	0	1	20
Box Hill	10	8	1	1	17
St. Kilda	10	4	3	3	11
Coburg United	9	4	2	3	10
Fairfield	9	3	1	5	7
Army Apprentices	9	1	2	6	4
Preston T.S.O.B.	9	1	2	6	4
Tullamarine United	10	1	2	8	4

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I also have in my possession a green-and-black towel which was left at Olympic Park either by a ball-boy or a junior player.

It is also time for the champions to return the two Junior Cup trophies.

Yours, etc.,
GILBERT WILSON,
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502 Elgar Road,
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SYDNEY SOCCER STRONG

Sir,

As a former Victorian now living in Sydney, I must commend "Soccer News" on its appeal for an end to this silly verbal soccer "war."

This question of supremacy between States can only be settled on the field, and the sooner the better.

I believe that the match New South Wales v. Victoria could draw more fans than an international match, since a lot of interest and publicity has been centred on this match for some time.

Though I do not condone most of Mr. Ganter's recent letter ("Soccer News," 4/7/59), I must agree with him that the Federation could field a team of high standard. I saw the Hearts and Costa Rica play this season, and although the Hearts were head and shoulders over the Costa Ricans, it is my opinion that the Federation could have beaten them.

I watched club soccer in Melbourne for eight years until I came to Sydney a little over a year ago, and although I remain a staunchly loyal Victorian, I must reluctantly admit that Sydney's five top teams are stronger than our crack sides.

Prague is, of course, in a class of its own in Australia, and is possibly the best club team on this side of the world. I also think that other Sydney teams, Hakoah, Apia, Corrimal, and Canterbury, are just a shade stronger than Wilhelmina, Juventus, George Cross, Hakoah, or J.U.S.T.

I can assure Victorian soccer fans that they are in for a treat when the N.S.W.-Victoria matches for the F.A. Trophy eventuate.

Yours, etc.,
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MACEDONIA SAD IN GEELONG

Runner-up Macedonia has been having some rough going in the Geelong District A.S.F.A.

Firstly, they lost 2 points to Olympia for fielding an unregistered player. Then they yielded a draw to Croatia.

However, they got some consolation out of a walk-over granted by Coria II.

Leader Scottish had an easy task and sent D.S.G. II home with a 7-1 thrashing.

British also received 2 free points when Croatia was unable to field a team.

	P	W	D	L	Goals F	A	P
Scottish	11	9	1	1	52	10	19
Macedonia	11	8	1	2	52	12	17
British	11	8	0	3	40	22	16
Zagreb	11	7	0	4	26	15	14
D.S.G. 1	11	7	0	4	28	26	14
Croatia	11	4	2	5	27	18	10
Corio 1.	11	4	0	7	23	38	8
Olympia	11	4	0	7	18	42	8
Corio 2	11	2	0	9	8	41	4
D.S.G. 2	11	1	0	10	0	71	2

School Finals at Olympic Park

The Technical Schools Final will be played at Olympic Park next Wednesday afternoon, July 29, at 2.

Collingwood is one of the finalists, having beaten Footscray 6-3 in the first semi-final, and will play the winner of the second semi-final between Prahran and Oakleigh.

The Dunkling Shield, awarded annually to the champion Under 17 team, is at present held jointly by the Combined High Schools and the Combined Technical Schools, who drew last year.

These two sides will again clash for the Shield on Wednesday, August 12, at Olympic Park.

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